

RICHARD HARTLEY

Richard Hartley was an Honours graduate of Glasgow University in Civil Engineering in 1964. He arrived in Western Australia in 1968 after experience in the United Kingdom and Canada to work on the Kwinana to Kalgoorlie standard gauge railway. In 1984 he retired to commence further study, completing an Honours Degree in History and a Doctorate from Murdoch University for his thesis on the history of gold metallurgy in Kalgoorlie.

Richard has been a member of the Engineering Heritage Panel of WA Division of Engineers Australia since 1992 and has been its secretary for three years. He has represented the Panel on a number of government committees dealing with the future of East Perth Power Station and the Midland Junction Railway Workshops, both of which are now decommissioned.

He is the honorary archivist for the WA Division and has lodged a wide range of historical documents for future research and reference. These have included early Division minute books and details of the Division's Engineering Excellence Award entries, providing an ongoing record of engineering activity in the State.

Richard has a detailed knowledge of past engineering projects, and continually researches and provides detailed historical engineering information over a wide range of topics. He provided invaluable information to the American Society of Civil Engineers when they were considering an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark award for the Goldfields Water Supply scheme. The dedication will occur in October 2009.

Richard is the author of a number of engineering publications, the most recent being *River of Steel - A History of the Western Australian Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply 1903-2003*. Other publications include *Industry and Infrastructure in Western Australia 1929 to 1940*, a joint publication of the WA Division and the Heritage Council of WA and a biography of Sir Laurence Brodie-Hall of Western Mining Corporation.

Richard is highly regarded by all kindred heritage organisations including the Heritage Council of WA, Battye Library and State Archives, the Royal Western Australia Historical Society, WA Museums and the Australian Mining History Association. His work over many years has resulted in greater awareness within the community of the technological achievements associated with the development of the State.

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